

PATENT**PENDING CLAIMS**

The following is a current listing of the claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting data comprising the steps of:
 - transmitting a message indicative of the rate of said data prior to and independent of data transmission and the time interval over which said data will be transmitted at said rate; and
 - transmitting said data at said rate during said time interval using one data transmission channel.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said message comprises:
 - an indication of the frame type;
 - an indication of said rate of said data; and
 - an indication of said time interval.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said message comprises:
 - a two bit indication of the frame type;
 - a four bit indication of said rate of said data; and
 - a four bit indication of said time interval.